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1. The first step to be taken in obtaining an exit permit is to have one's name removed from the roll maintained by the USSR Consulate of Soviet citizens residing in Harbin. The Consulate charges no fee for this service but it is usually necessary to make repeated trips there before the Consulate takes action. Normally the Consulate does not object to removing the name of an elderly person from the roll, but it usually refuses to remove the name of a young person. Young people who apply are told that if they leave Harbin they must go to some part of the USSR. They may be given the choice of destination between a number of undesirable frontier regions, although the Consulate tries to steer them to the Altai area.

2. Having had one's name removed from the consular roll of residents, the next step is to apply to the Chinese Bureau of Public Safety /BPS - police authorities/ for an exit permit.

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3. Bribery of BPS personnel is impossible. [redacted]

[redacted] A woman dentist prominent in the Soviet Women's Club in Harbin) [redacted] obtained an exit permit in one week by bribing the BPS officials. [redacted] this is untrue. What does happen is that an applicant, if he has money, may offer to make a donation to the Chinese Communist army or air force. This will be accepted and may expedite matters. 50X1-HUM

4. All of the personnel [redacted] in the BPS were Chinese. There are undoubtedly many Soviet advisors and technicians in Harbin but they are not conspicuous. The only Chinese establishment in which [redacted] there are Soviet technicians is a large textile mill where the Soviets are instructing the Chinese staff. 50X1-HUM

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